

## ABSTRACT

The invention describes compositions and methods for recombinant protein expression in a wide range of cell types, including mammalian, insect, and bacterial cells. The compositions comprise a viral IRES sequence selected from enterovirus 71 (EV71), hepatitis C virus (HCV), or encephalomyocarditis virus (EMCV), or a variant or fragment thereof, or alternatively, a homolog of a viral IRES selected from EV71, HCV, or EMCV, or a variant or fragment thereof. Methods of using the compositions are also described.

FINNEGAN  
HENDERSON  
FARABOW  
GARRETT &  
DUNNER LLP

1300 I Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.408.4000  
Fax 202.408.4400  
[www.finnegan.com](http://www.finnegan.com)